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## Ration Coupons Due Thursdays

Ration coupons for sugar, tea or coffee, and butter, formerly valid on Saturdays, will henceforth fall due on Thursdays, officials of the ration administration announce. In future coupons for sugar, tea or coffee will become valid two days before the dates printed on these coupons in ration book 2.

Thus, valid dates for ration coupons 5 and 6 for sugar, tea or coffee were changed this week from Saturday May 1, to Thursday, April 29. There is no expiry date.

Butter coupons 8 became valid on Thursday, April 29, and coupon 9 will be valid Thursday, May 6. Both will expire May 31. Butter coupons 6 and 7 also expire May 31.

## Ration Board Received 3,601 Sugar Applications

The local Ration Board has received 3,601 application for canning sugar up to Thursday, April 22nd, which was the last day on which these applications could be received.

The applications covered 13,178 people who asked for a total of 455,329 pounds of sugar; or an average of 36 pounds per person. Over and above this amount, 300 applications were returned to the applicants for correction.

Since Wednesday, April 21st, the Board has issued extra coupons to 160 farmers for threshing, and practically the same number for coffee.

It can be readily seen that the secretary of the Board, Mr. J. E. McLeod, and his assistant, Miss Dorothea Kaiser, are kept busy. Then the big chore will come when the actual ration coupons are issued for the canning sugar. This will call for a number of other volunteer helpers.

## Weddings

### WALDERS-KOLOSKY

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Walders, on April 21st, when their son, Sgt. John Walders, was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Kolosky, of Winnipeg. Rev. A. F. Reiser conducted the ceremony.

Sgt. and Mrs. Walders left on Saturday for Manitoba. Sgt. Walders is stationed at Camp Shilo.

## TOWN OF DIDSBURY.

### SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION to Fill Vacancy on Council.

Public Notice is hereby given that I will attend at my office in the Town of Didsbury, on Monday, the 17th day of May, 1943, from eleven o'clock in the forenoon until twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving nominations of candidates for the office of councillor for the unexpired term of office of Leonard J. Berscht, resigned.

Given under my hand at Didsbury, Alberta, this 5th day of May, 1943.

W. A. AUSTIN,  
Returning Officer.

## Red Cross Notes.

The people of Zella district are to be congratulated on the splendid success of their sale of work and pie social held recently, a report of which will be found on another page. The proceeds amounted to \$110.00. It was a wonderful achievement.

Even though the drive is over, donations keep trickling in, and this week we have to report donations of \$5.00 from the Elks Lodge, \$4.00 from J. H. Bogner, Home Ec. Club \$5.50, Jake Erhardt \$3.00, Mrs. Hannah Mortimer \$1.00.

It is well to remember that donations to the Red Cross are welcomed throughout the year.

The Superfluity Shop is still doing business and the proceeds for the month of April amounted to \$28.55. Thanks are accorded to all who have made donations to the shop.

If you are interested in a practically new black winter coat, with fur collar, there is one at the Superfluity Shop.

The first unit of surgical dressings which have been prepared here by a group of ladies and nurses under the leadership of Mrs. Turnbull, have been shipped out this week.

The unit comprised thirty large surgical dressings, eighty medium dressings, one hundred and twenty small dressings, six hundred compresses and eight hundred surgical wipes.

The ladies are to be complimented on their excellent work. A similar unit will be prepared each month.

## Fishing Season Opens on May 16.

With ten more days to go before the season opens, the local fishermen have started to sort out their tackle and are discussing the better spots for early fishing.

Season for trout, grayling and Rocky Mountain whitefish in the Red Deer and North Saskatchewan rivers and their tributaries will begin May 16 and close Sept. 17.

In the part of the province north of the national boundary including the Bow river and its tributaries excluding the Kananaskis lakes and other exceptions, the season will open June 16 and close October 18.

## Evangelical Church Notes

A Mother's Day service will be held on Sunday morning, May 9th, at 10:30.

The evening service at 7:30 will be in honor of our parents. We all realize the value of the home in the life of the community and of the nation. The desire of all true parents is that their children should follow the Lord. All parents are invited to attend these services. At the evening service the young people will present the program, entitled "God's Gift to Earth".

Jutland services to be held at 2 o'clock.



## Victory Loan Drive.

With almost half the period of the drive over, up to Wednesday morning the total subscribed in the Didsbury district had amounted to \$28,000.00, about 40 per cent of the allotted quota.

Didsbury must not fall down in this Victory Loan Drive, as the quota can be achieved if everyone will go out and subscribe to the full extent of their ability.

The greater part of the country district has yet to be covered by the canvassers and time can be saved if you would call at the Loan Headquarters or at the Royal Bank and make your bond purchases.

## Victory Loan Reaches \$503,936,100

Ottawa, Ont., May 5 — Victory Loan total today stands at \$503,936,100 compared with \$414,583,900, same period last year. Tuesday total \$67,590,850 more than 20 millions higher same day third year. General canvass and payroll combined total \$138,376,000 to date. This is 25% higher than last year but need is for 33 per cent if \$500, million from this source to be reached.

## United Church Notes.

Sunday, May 9, is generally observed on the continent as Mother's Day.

At Knox Church at 7:30 p.m. the C.G.I.F. groups will take part in the service, which will include the impressive and beautiful candle lighting ceremony. We invite you to share with us in this special service.

Parents and friends are invited to attend the special Mother's Day session of the Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.

## BUTTERFAT

Delivered Basis at Crystal Dairy  
Special ..... 34c  
No. 1 ..... 32c  
No. 2 ..... 27c  
10c per lb. bonus on churning cream  
Table cream ..... 44c

## EGGS

Grade A Large ..... 27c  
Grade A Medium ..... 26c  
Pullets ..... 21c  
Grade B ..... 22c  
Grade C ..... 19c

## Sale of Work at Zella Splendid Success

On Wednesday night, April 21st, a very successful Red Cross sale and pie social was held at the Zella school. The sale was made up of articles donated by the Junior Red Cross of the school and the Rebecca Red Cross Group of the district.

The total receipts of the sale was \$110.00, which will be divided as follows: \$10.00 to the Russian Fund, \$50.00 to the Senior Red Cross and \$50.00 to the Junior Red Cross Hospital. There was also a carry-over of \$5.15 from the Zella Whist Club which will be added to the \$10.00, making a total of \$15.15 to the Russian Fund.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Zella and surrounding districts for making our sale such a tremendous success.

## McMurray Asphalt For Alberta Roads

The Alberta government is rushing plans to obtain road oil supplies from McMurray, according to information given to the Alberta Motor Association.

In order to keep Alberta's highways in shape, 1,600,000 gallons of asphalt base oil will be needed this year.

Tests of the McMurray oil have been made at the University of Alberta and these have shown that the northern product is satisfactory for surfacing highways. It has a high asphalt content and as surfacing material has to be mixed with sand or gravel, heated and then laid out. The material has been used on Edmonton streets and given good results.

Meantime, the province has revealed some of its major highway plans for this year. In the south, the highway to Cardston will be shortened by three miles and expenditure of some \$40,000 will be made. The Jasper highway between Edmonton and Lloydminster also will be improved, particularly in the vicinity of Minburn.

Just what volume of McMurray oil will be available to the province will depend on what is required for federal government purposes, but it is believed that Alberta has good prospects for securing some of the supply.

A sister and brother met for the first time in 27 years, when Mr. L. Deschamps came over from Seattle last week to visit with his sister, Mrs. J. Cummins. Mr. Deschamps, who previously lived in Chicago, is now engaged in war work on the Pacific Coast, and was enroute to move his family from Chicago to Seattle. They feel now they are within visiting distance, and hope to meet more often.

## BACK THE ATTACK

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## The Canadian Pacific Railway Builds Second Hospital Unit For Transporting Wounded

THE second car to be built by the Canadian Pacific to specifications of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps for use as a travelling hospital unit was turned over to Col. G. A. Winfield, of Ottawa, deputy director of medical services (A), at the Windsor Station, Montreal, on March 31 by George Stephen, vice-president of traffic.

Other army officers who inspected the car included Col. R. R. McGibbon, of Montreal, district medical officer; Lt. Col. G. S. Kinney, of Ottawa, assistant quartermaster general (movement control); and Major C. W. Jones, of Ottawa, assistant director of inspection (mechanization) for the inspection Board of the United Kingdom in Canada.

Canadian Pacific officials who explained features of the car were R. G. McNeill, passenger traffic manager; H. H. Boyd, assistant chief of motive power and rolling stock; N. R. Crump, assistant to the vice-president; and Ian Warren, assistant passenger traffic manager in charge of military and other special traffic.

The army men were highly pleased with the fine job done on the new hospital unit which follows an earlier car which has been in the service of transporting casualties for two years now.

The outside of the new car is painted the familiar Tuscan red of all Canadian Pacific cars but there ends the resemblance between this hospital on wheels and the "Mount Kitchen", the compartment-observation sleeper, which it was before its conversion. The job was done at Angus Shops in Montreal under the direction of H. R. Naylor, works manager, to plans drawn by H. B. Bowen, chief of motive power and rolling stock.

Inside the car which is 76 feet long and nine feet wide are toilet and wash rooms, a ward with 14 double-deck steel beds to accommodate 28 casualties, a receiving vestibule with doors wide enough to allow entry of stretchers, a dispensary and special locker space for medical supplies. As a "steamer" car in passenger service it had a vestibule, four compartments, a buffet and reading room, observation room and observation platform.

On the outside of the car instead of its name there appears now the Geneva Red Cross and the initials of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps at each end and on both sides. The steel sheathing remains the same with the only alterations having been where the windows were changed to meet special needs. A departure inside was the installation of a double door, instead of the usual single door, leading from the leading vestibule to the ward.

The ward itself is brightly finished with cream ceilings and walls of deep ivory shading to a darker color nearest the floor. The white beds are of the ship's bunk type with a drop front on the top beds for safety, an adjustable fixture which is more satisfactory than webbing. Springs of the upper beds are covered with canvas as an added protection for the patients in the lower beds. A flexible reading lamp, large ash tray and the necessary signal buttons are part of the equipment on each bed. Extra large water coolers are provided at each end of the ward.

Clearance on the entry to the receiving vestibule is three feet. It is in this vestibule that stretchers are stored and cases provided for the car's attendants.

The dispensary, which is done in white, has metal-top drawers on two sides, handy to a sink and with ample locker space. To look after the heating of water there is a two-way gas plate and a one-way electric plate, the latter an auxiliary and a new departure, to be used when the gas is drained as the car passes through electrified zones in the United States. Also part of the dispensary are a plate rack, a drop leaf table, storage space for supplies and an ice cooler with a special section for keeping the crushed ice needed by patients. The auxiliary heating unit for the car is near this section while at the end of the car is a "blind end" used for lockers and another toilet.

The new car will have to be run in conjunction with the first one put

for the R.C.A.M.C., or with a standard diner, for there is no provision for cooking meals aboard. In the first car there is a kitchen as well as a dispensary and quarters for doctors and nurses, with the ward space cut down to eight single beds and eight standard upper berths.

The first car left Angus Shops for service in February of 1941.

### Second Scholarship

Saskatoon Boy Wins Competition Two Years In Succession

For the second year in succession Robert J. B. Fleming of Saskatoon, Sask., has won the major award in the Canadian Performing Right Society's sixteenth annual scholarship and prize competition for Canadian composers under the age of 22. To him goes a scholarship at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, valued at \$750. Mr. Fleming, 21 years old, who also won the scholarship last year, is now studying at the Toronto Conservatory and residing at 201 Moxley Ave., Toronto.

Decision on the next two cash awards this year constituted a problem for the judges as three contestants had almost equal merit. It was decided to lump the two awards and divide the \$100 between the three. These prize winners are: Marjorie David, age 21, 1238 Tecumseh Ave., Vancouver; Samuel Margolin, age 20, 112 Aberdeen St., Fredericton, N.B.; Samuel Rosenbaum, age 21, 291 St. Joseph Blvd., West, Montreal.

The adjudicators were the same as in the five previous contests: Sir Ernest MacMillan, conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra; Prof. Leo Smith, University of Toronto; Capt. J. J. Gagnier, Mus. Div., Montreal; Geoffrey Hewitt, F.R.C.O., Ottawa; Hector Charlesworth and Henry T. Jamieson, President of the Canadian Performing Right Society. Complete secrecy as to the identity of the contestants was maintained and the awards were made to manuscripts bearing pseudonyms.

The first words ever written on a typewriter were "C. Latham Stiles September, 1867," written by the inventor.

### Buy War Savings Certificates

### Giraud Speaks



General Henri Giraud, high commissioner of French North Africa, is shown as he broadcast his proclamation on the post war aims of the French nation.

### Rubber From Jungles

West African Colonies Now Produce More Than The Congo

Lord Seintor, British resident minister for West Africa, told newspapermen that "West African colonies now are producing more than three times the amount of rubber produced in the whole Congo."

"Before the war not a single ton of rubber came out of West Africa but the collapse of Far East sources made the development of wild jungle rubber a necessity," he said.

"Natives were sent into the jungle to locate vagrant trees and from this source has come rubber which British and United States experts describe as high quality."

Lord Swinton described the colonies' efforts as an enormous contribution to North African victory.

### MAY COME SUDDENLY

Viscount Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, predicted at Sheffield, Alabama, that "when the German war machine begins to crack a great part of it may go at once, and the end may come more suddenly than some of us thought six months ago."

The crown of olive leaves in ancient times was comparable to present-day medals of honor.

## Germany Is Suffering Severely From Wool And Cotton Shortage Owing To The British Blockade

WHEN you consider that Germany has been cut off from nearly all her pre-war sources of textile fibres, the British Commonwealth and South America in particular, it is not surprising that she is finding it hard to make both ends meet. The peace-time requirements of raw wool in Germany amounted to about 25,000 tons per annum of secured wool. Germany is now severed from the major part of these supplies, and is forced to rely entirely upon her own domestic production and the wool clips of the occupied territories, supplemented by artificial fibres.

Before the war Germany imported about 270,000-280,000 tons of raw cotton per annum and owing to the blockade is now almost entirely reliant upon the small European crops amounting in all to between 50,000 and 60,000 tons a year. In addition, she has lost approximately 10,000 tons a year from French West Africa. With wool and cotton supplies at such a low level there can be no doubt that Germany is relying more and more on the output of rayon and staple fibres (artificial cotton and wool) for military clothing and textile armaments.

On January 1, a new clothing card was introduced in Germany; this card contains 100 points to last for 18 months compared with 120 points on the previous card which lasted 16 months. It is generally suggested that civilians have again been sacrificed in order that the Army may be supplied, and the German Director General of Clothing has himself stated the order of priority for available supplies was to be first the Armed Forces, then the workers, and then the victims of air raids.

Overcoats have now been removed from the clothing card to avoid their use by persons who are not genuinely in need of them. The purchase of an overcoat is now possible only by obtaining a permit, but requires the surrender of no points. To obtain a permit the intending purchaser must first satisfy the authorities that the present coat is unwearable.

In regard to suits, an important concession has been made to the genuinely needy. Suits were formerly very highly pointed on the card; they now require the surrender of only 20 points, but are obtainable as well as overcoats, only after satisfying the authorities of the intending purchaser's dire need. All household fabrics are included in the card as well as clothing, and it would take more than a year's coupons to buy one pair of sheets. Even articles such as braces and shoe laces are included on the ration card.

The introduction of the new card shows that Germany appears, for the first time to have budgeted for the needs of air raid victims, a thing which has been done in this country for a long time past. Roughly speaking, the average German civilian will, in future, get about 50 per cent less per 12 months on the new card. The bulk of the goods to meet the German ration will be made of staple fibre, which has neither the warmth nor the wearing quality of pure wool. Occasionally the Germans have even advertised men's suits made entirely of rayon.

It is quite apparent that the enemy has made a tremendous effort this winter to meet the demands for military clothing, in order to overcome the difficulties met during the winter 1941-42 on the Eastern Front. Preparations were started earlier for this year than last, and formidable figures of extra clothing supplies have been published in the German Press, which again illustrates the way in which civilians have had to go without in order to provide the extra military requirements.

### Imported Fresh Foods

When Obtainable In England Price Is Prohibitive

An Englishman quickly loses his appetite for imported fresh foods when he sees the price tag.

For \$11.05 an Englishman may dine on a fresh peach, a bunch of asparagus, a pound of string beans and a small head of lettuce. This does not include dessert nor the cost of cooking.

Peaches are selling for \$15 a dozen, asparagus for \$7 a bunch and green beans for \$2.50 a pound. Lettuce is 30 cents a head.

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**The World of Wheat**  
by H.G.L. Strange

## — Treating Seed Grain —

Farmers, I suggest, should be very careful this year in the treatment of certain seed grain, particularly flax and oats. From all that one can find out wheat and barley seem to be germinating well this year, and to have strong vitality. It might, therefore, be quite proper, if desired, to treat wheat and barley this year with formaldehyde, but if this is done the farmer must be absolutely certain that the solution is no stronger than recommended by the manufacturer as stated in the directions on the package, for a very little extra strength in the solution will certainly lower germination.

Flax and oats, however, I suggest, should be treated this year only with mercurial dust—Ceresan or Levotolan—because some of these crops were touched with early fall frost which weakened vitality. These mercurial dusts do not harm germination, on the contrary they actually improve germination. Again, however, the proper amount for the various grains, as marked by the manufacturer on the package, should be used.

I have seen wheat and oats improved 15% in germination by the use of mercurial dust. Mercurial dusts have the advantage that the grain can be treated and stored a week or so before sowing without any harm to the seed.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE WORLD OF FOODSTUFFS**

The indicated yield per seed acre for the U.S. winter wheat crop has decreased from 18.3 bushels in 1942 to 11.5 bushels this year—French Morocco's 1942 wheat crop has been estimated at 26,088,600 bushels as compared with the 1941 crop of 49,055,000 bushels—The 1942 Peruvian rice crop is estimated at 4,305,000 bushels, only 60% of 1941 production.

Wheat stocks in the four major exporting countries are expected to be approximately 375 million bushels above last year's record by July 1st—Syria and Lebanon, in order to stretch short supplies of wheat, are now mixing at least 30% of corn and barley with wheat in bread making.

**Don't Feed the Moths!**

Now is the time to plan action against these fifth columnists. With the present urgent need of conserving materials, it is your duty to take steps to prevent damage. Furs, woollens and materials with wool fibres, hair fabrics and feathers are all attacked by moth.

According to Miss Richards, of the Department of Agriculture, Extension Branch, the secret in battling these culprits is prevention. Moths are attracted to soiled spots even if the soil is on a non-animal fabric like cotton and rayon. The first step before storing away is to wash the article or send the garment to the dry cleaners. Then place in boxes, trunks or brown paper bundles, made as moth-tight and gas-tight as possible by sealing any cracks with tape or gummed paper. Wrapping in newspaper helps too. Scatter about 1 lb. of fresh naphthalene flakes or paradichlorobenzene crystals in each large trunk full of clothes and clothes. If using garment bags or moth bags suspend a few ounces in cheese cloth in the upper part of the bag. The gas formed is heavier than air and

falls. This method may also be used for piano felting. The larvae of clothes moths and carpet beetles may develop in out of the way places where lint and dust collect in furnace air shafts, floor cracks, behind sideboards, in mending baskets, discarded clothes and upholstered furniture. Periodic house-cleaning airing and brushing in the sun, or freezing in winter will prevent much damage. If moths have already got a head start in furniture it is advisable to have the infested pieces well fumigated.

Much is heard of the so called moth proofing substances. Some have definite value but none gives complete and permanent protection. For home use a fairly simple and effective preparation may be made by dissolving 2 oz. of sodium fluo-

silicate in one gallon hot water or use a saturated solution of sodium fluoride. These are poisons, so handle accordingly. They are safe to use on anything water will not damage. Apply when cool with a sponge or sprayer on rugs, furniture coverings, coats, in lining of ski boots and skates, etc., or in case of small garments such as a woollen mitts, dip them in the solution. When dry brush off the slight "bloom" that may appear on the surface.

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"There is a practical reason for buying Victory Bonds, too. The money we lend to Canada now, to help to win the war, will be ours to use as we please after the war has been won. Ready cash will be handy to have when we will want to replace farm equipment that is wearing out now. A farmer can always find a use for savings, and there is no better way to save than by investing all we can in Victory Bonds."

Born in England, the "Wheat Wizard of Saskatchewan" spent his early years as a clerk in the Old Country. In 1888 he emigrated to Canada, and homesteaded north of Saskatoon where he learned the elements of farming. In 1900 he was attracted to the Rosthern district where he purchased, for less than one thousand dollars, the 160-acre farm on which the celebrated experiments which made his name a household word in Western Canada were carried out.

One of his initial achievements was producing 40 bushels of wheat to the acre on three inches of rainfall.

In 1911 he scored one of his greatest successes when, with a bushel of Marquis wheat, he won the "world's championship" at the New York land show, and was awarded the prize of \$1,000 offered by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. In 1914 and 1915 he won similar honors, and earned for himself the appellation—"The World's Champion Wheat Grower."

For his services to Canadian agriculture, Dr. Seager Wheeler was honored in 1918 by a doctor of laws degree conferred by Queen's University.

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National War Finance Committee

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